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Civil Process Section

NORTH CAROLINA

☒ Affidavit of Service

GASTON COUNTY

☐ Affidavit of Non-Service

J.B. Canipe #171, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he/she is a citizen and resident of the United States of America; he/she is and was an authorized process server in Gaston County, North Carolina; he/she was over the age of twenty-one years; he/she is and was not a party not interested in this action.

SUMMONS/COMPLAINT

This affiant received the said _____
on the 24TH day of February 2025 to be served on MARK MERRITT

and returned as follows:

☒ personally served the same on MARK MERRITT on the 25 day of Feb., 2025

☐ served the same on _____ by leaving copies with _____ on the _____ day of _____, 2025

☐ unable to serve for the following reason:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
25 day of Feb, 2025

Yvonne Lawry
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 4, 2028

Chad Hawkins
Gaston County Sheriff

By: [Signature]
Deputy Sheriff

AO 440 (Rev. 06/12) Summons in a Civil Action

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of South Carolina



Jay Connor

Plaintiff(s)

v.

American Legacy Partners, Inc., Jeremy Wilson
Individually, Mark Merritt Individually and John Does
1-10

Defendant(s)

Civil Action No. 2:25-cv-00553-JD-MGB

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

To: *(Defendant's name and address)* Mark Merritt
302 Carmel Hills Drive
Gastonla, NC 28056

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Jay Connor
215 East Bay Street 201-F
Charleston, SC 29401
jayc650@hush.com

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK OF COURT

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Date: 2/19/2025



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